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FROM: SAF/IAPX

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SUBJECT: Interim Security Assistance Management Manual (SAMM) Change - Sole Source
Procurement Policy Clarification, DSCA Policy 01-10, (SAF/IAPX - 01015)

References: (a) Request for A Broader Interpretation of Sole Source Procurement - SAMM
Paragraph 80102, SAF/IAPX Memo, 11 October 2000

(b) Sole Source Procurement - SAMM Paragraph 80102, HQ AFMC/IA memo, 11
Sep 2000

(c) Request for Review of Current Interpretation of DoD 5105.38-M, Security
Assistance Management Manual (SAMM), Chapter 8, Section 801,
paragraph 80102, sub-paragraphs 80102.B.1.e and c, AFSAC/OMF memo,
20 Aug 2000

References above requested DSCA to review the sole source language in DoD 5105.38-M, Security Assistance Management Manual, Chapter 8, Section 801. In response to this review, effective immediately, DSCA is amending paragraphs 80102.B.1. c & e to eliminate the word "prime" from the phrase "particular prime source". This change will enable more flexibility to our FMS customers.

This amendment will help ensure consistency with the DFARS. This change is included in the Defense Acquisition Deskbook version of the SAMM as E-change 25.

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Attachments

1. Interim SAMM Change - Sole Source Procurement
Policy Clarification (DSCA Policy 01-10)
2. See Distribution

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In reply refer to:
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Procurement Policy Clarification (DSCA Policy 01-10)

Paragraph 80102 of the SAMM provides guidance on the use of sole source procurement when requested by the purchasing country. Within this section several situations are cited as examples of where sole source procurement may be justified. Two of the examples use the term "particular prime source" to describe the supplier of articles or services with which a country has established a history of procurement.

The USAF has interpreted this language as restricting sole source requests to those involving prime sources or prime vendors, eliminating other procurement sources such as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

SAF/IAPX requested that SAMM paragraph 80102.B.1 be revised to eliminate the word “prime” from the phrase “particular prime source” enabling a broader interpretation and more flexibility to our FMS customers.

DSCA recognizes that the SAMM wording needs updating to ensure it does not conflict with the DFARS language and to ensure that the examples are viewed only as samples and not a definitive justification list. The major rewrite of the SAMM will address these larger issues but as an interim step we will revise paragraph 80102.B.1 of the electronic version of the SAMM to delete the word prime in examples c. and e.

This guidance is effective immediately and will be included in the Defense Acquisition Deskbook version of the SAMM as E-Change 25. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Beth Baker (703) 604-6612 or DSN 664-6612, e-mail: beth.baker@osd.pentagon.mil.

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